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Missouri Federation of Square 'N Round Dance Clubs, Inc. Warsaw, Missouri - June 10, 2001

Place: Warsaw Middle School
Date: June 10, 2001
Host: West Central District
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Call to Order: President Bill Morris
Invocation: Ed Schoffield
Pledge of Allegiance: Everyone
Roll Call: 25 officers and representatives answered roll call.

Introduction of Guests: Norm & Valeta Hensley from Pommenaders, Southwest District

Approval Minutes: April 22, 2001 meeting, Corrections noted - (1) Page 1, Constitution & By-Laws Committee: correct wording is "Standard" Operating Procedures. (2) Page 3, Research & Funding: paragraph two "district presidents" is incorrect; should read "Dave & Dee Shafer and Bob & Shirley Turner" as committee members, etc. (3) Page 5, Sentence clarification under State Festival Report - The decision for this expense should be made by the state dance festival chair and payment will go through the state dance treasury. Delete the last line of that paragraph. (4) Page 5, Marvin & Bettyrae Fluke's wedding anniversary is April 21, not June 21.

Treasurer's Report: Riley's were absent. No report verbally given. Written report handed out. Information from report - Beginning balance 4/22/01 - \$14,236.12 (SB&T - \$140.30; General Fund - \$13,645.82; Designated Funds (USDA) \$400.00; Memorial \$50.00.) Income April 23 - June 5, 2001 - \$2,839.00; Expenses same period - \$1,801.11. Ending Balance 6/5/01 - \$15,274.01 (SB&T - \$140.30; General Fund - \$14,683.71; Designated Funds (USDA) \$400.00; Memorial \$50.00.) Balance in CDs - \$17,000. Total funds available -\$32,274.01. Report filed for audit.

Bettyrae Fluke asked for explanation of the \$54.85 expense item bank charges listed on the report for dates 11/30/00 through 6/5/01. Bill answered that he thought they were account start-up charges, such as checks, etc., but he was not sure. Riley's would answer that question at the next meeting.

Committee Reports

Boundaries and Relations: Dave & Barb Turner. No report.

Constitution and Bylaws: Bob & Shirley Turner. Bob reported that officers were still working on Standard Operating Procedures. He hoped to have everyone's finished and turned in soon.

Membership: Jim & Eloise Riley absent. Their report was passed out. SITE SCREENING: Dave & Barb Turner. No report until August.

Promotions: Randy & Penny Pratt. Randy Pratt reported that one club, the Pommenaders, has turned in their Toot Your Horn application. Randy said that the Web page for Missouri Federation was within one hour of going on-line. The URL is www.geocities.com/mosquaredance. Home page is simply the state of Missouri with the district divisions in outline. Our logo from the top of the letterhead is also included. Randy requested a link from the Missouri Web page to the United Square Dancers of America page. Randy also talked about the need for a Webmaster to monitor the site and update pages and information as needed. The Web page will not have its own domain name at this time. The Doin's will not be posted due to some non-profit organization rules and limitations on storage space from geocities, the site host. Links to districts is currently linked to Dan Wheelers page, which is not representative of the Missouri Federation alone. Clubs are not linked accurately. But this link

will be effective until a Webmaster can be secured to complete the changes needed. Motion from committee to accept the Web pages on-line as they currently are and continue to look for a Webmaster. Discussion. Second, carried. The question was posed that if the Doin's was put on the Web, would it hurt subscriptions. Discussion indicated that you cannot carry a computer in your pocket and there are still many people who do not have computers. The majority felt it would not hurt subscription sales.

License Plates: Mark Mortensen. No license plate this year. The bill was brought forward from committee and told they were out of order. There were other license plates included in this bill, so they all went down to defeat. Bill Ransdall wants to put the bill in again as soon as possible, probably December.

Publications: Jim & Phyllis Monroe. The contract with publisher is in place effective until December 2003, with price review annually. The editor, advertising and circulation have been working on their SOPs. Jim anticipates their completion by next board meeting. The Missouri Federation Festival will be listed in American Square Dance magazine.

Insurance: Floyd & Carolyn Herren. Balance 4/1/01 - \$420.99. Income for April \$92.00; Expenses for April \$156.60. Income for May \$32.40; Expenses for May \$37.40. Ending Balance 5/31/01 - \$351.39. Enrollment in Plan A- 1,268 members - 32 clubs; Plan B - 2,564 members - 62 clubs insured + 5 minimum clubs (53 members).

Blue Bird: Judy Epperson. Judy requested \$100.00 advanced to start checking account. Motion made by Lois Bess, seconded, passed. Discussion followed on new dress. Peg Kessinger and Valeta Hensley had made the new dress and modeled it. District presidents are to take the new dress option back to their clubs. A picture of the dress with pattern information will appear in the next Doin 's. This dress is not a required replacement for those who have the other dress and wish to wear it. But if a dancer does not have a dress this is a possible addition to the wardrobe.

Historian: Ray & Vickie Wittman. Picking up boxes from John & Lois Bess today. No report.

State Fair Dance: Bob & Marion Anderson. Cannot dance in the Rural Electrical Co-op building. However we have the option to dance in the tent like before. Discussion followed about the small number of dancers the last several years and dancing in the heat. The tent is not in a good traffic area. It was pointed out that even if we don't get one new dancer from the demonstration, it is exposure for square dancing. Marion was asked about dancing in front of the grandstand on the sidewalk. She said she would try to find out right away if that would be an option.

Research & Funding: Marvin & Bettyrae Fluke. Doyle Collins objected to the validity of this special committee on the grounds that special committees exist for one specific purpose only and cease to exist when they make their report. In February they made a report that contained a motion to use the special funds from USDA and the Bellinger Memorial. Then it was remanded back to that committee to write the guidelines and at the April meeting they made a report that contained those guidelines. Therefore his point of order was that the committee had completed their specific task, made their report, so ceased to exist.

Bill Morris called on Jess Kessinger, parliamentarian, to answer the objection. Jess replied that the book referred to by Doyle Collins was a smaller version of Roberts Rules of Order, and these smaller versions, although not wrong, were sometimes incomplete. Jess referenced the 9th Edition of Robert's Rules of Order, page 492, "A special committee, since it is appointed for a specific purpose, continues to exist until the duty assigned to it is accomplished, unless discharged earlier by a vote of the entire assembly. It ceases to exist as soon as the assembly receives its final report. The fact that an annual meeting intervenes does not discharge a special committee, but in an elected or appointed body as a convention, special committees that have not reported, cease to exist when the new officers assume their duties at the next annual meeting." This committee was appointed for this year and should remain until the end of the year when new officers are elected.

Based on the reading from the 9th Edition of Robert's Rules of Order, page 492, President Morris ruled that the research and funding committee is a special committee and will function until the end of the year. Doyle objected. The president noted the objection then called for a vote on his ruling. Vote passed upholding the president's decision.

Bettyrae came forward to give her report. The research & funding committee is working on getting the information out to districts and clubs. Many questions on the use of these funds have been asked. Bettyrae posed the question about the dates of the program, February 18, 2001 through February 17, 2002, conflicting with the election of new officers in December. Her concern was that the committee would not be able to complete its assigned duty. The parliamentarian stated that the program would continue to run until its final

report. The new board would decide if the committee continued to exist as is when they take office or appoint new committee members. Bettyrae stated that the committee would meet again in August.

Dancer of the Year Award: Bob & Shirley Turner. Bob & Shirley were selected from the district presidents to be chair of the committee. Bob said that he would get a copy of the information to all district presidents as soon as possible since time is of the essence on this project and the deadline is August 31.

Doin's Report

Editor: Bob & Loretta Welch. Bob apologized for the mistakes found in the June issue. Bob noted the errors. Bob has an appointment to talk to the printer about problems they are having. Book is alive and doing well.

Circulation: Charles & Dorthy Ball not present. Report handed out and given by Judy Epperson. Balance on hand 3/31/01 - \$2,413.90. Income for April, \$501.66; Income for May, \$496.56. Transferred to Missouri Federation in April, \$2,000.00. Balance 5/31/01 -\$1,412.12. Balance in Petty Cash - \$42.95. Doin's mailing for June was 885.

Advertising: Dave & Dee Shafer. Balance on hand 4/22/2001 - \$100.00. Income for May and June, 2001 - \$922.00; Expenses \$31.00; Check to Missouri Federation for \$891.00. Balance on hand 6/10/01 - \$100.00.

Unfinished Business

Motion by Bob Turner to reconsider the minutes. Motion seconded, passed. As printed it is unclear whether the Jim Monroe's motion was to approve the changes in guidelines only, or to approve the guidelines in their entirety including the change in who should be on the committee. Dave Shafer made a motion to correct the minutes to clarify that Jim Monroe's motion was to approve the motion to accept the Dancer of the Year Award with the amendment to change committee membership to district presidents with the chair for the committee selected from the group. Jim Monroe clarified that had been his intent with the original motion on April 22. Motion seconded, passed. Correction and clarification made in minutes. Motion made to accept the reconsidered minutes. Seconded, carried. Dave reaffirmed that he needs nominations by August 1.

Credit Card Report: Carol Morris. Carol report that MBNA was very pleased with the number of applications. According to the banks first quarter report, there were 32 applications submitted, 13 approved. More came in after this report. There is still time for clubs to participate.

2001 State Festival: Leland & Mary Moyer. Everything is going smoothly and we will be dancing in Lebanon unless the Center blows away. Same photographer will be available at the dance this year. Something new this year will be a special solo dance on Saturday dance. Remind clubs to send in ads and pictures of district boards and state board. Hope to see you all at the dance.

2005 Caller/Cuer: Marvin & Bettyrae Fluke. October 21-23, 2005 are the dates. Votes were for Mike Sikorsky, Big & Little Enis, DeeDee Dougherty, Tom Roper, Bobby Newman, Tony Oxendine, Shane Greer, Marshall Flippo. She has received letters back from Big and Little Enis, \$850.00 which includes calling fee, meals and travel; Tom Roper, \$750.00; Shane Greer, \$700.00 plus airfare and lodging. Under the cuers votes were for Paul & Linda Robinson, Rod & Susan Anderson, Jerry & Dot Yockey, Gene & Gina McMurtey, Gene & Dale McGinty. No responses from cuers yet. No decisions at this time. Reminder that the Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame deadline is August 31 also.

USDA Report: Jim & Edythe Weber. Delegate meeting is on Wednesday at the National Convention. This is **National Convention:** Bill Morris. President would like a short meeting after this meeting with the people who are going.

Other Unfinished Business: Randy Pratt reported that his new phone number is (573) 774-2429. Randy made a motion to increase the Research and Funding Committee allotment from \$500.00 per district to \$1,000.00 per district. Second. Discussion. Motion failed.

NEW BUSINESS

Floyd Herren, insurance chairman is to turn over his books to the audit committee.

Bill Morris stated he had received the corporate registration renewal statement for the Missouri Federation. Motion to pay bill by Dave Shafer. Second, carried.

New Business

The president received a letter from the Southwest District concerning inequality of representation of the districts at state board meetings. Barb Turner read the letter and its attachments and recommendations in entirety. Discussion followed. Motion made by Lois Bess to leave district representation as is. Seconded, motion carried.

Motion made by Ed Schoffield to provide the federation president with up to \$300.00 for public relations use at National Square Dance Convention. Second. Discussion. Motion failed.

Calendar Of Events

Semo Summer Swing in Cape Girardeau June 23.

Join the Travelers on July 12 for Jerry Junck at St. Robert Community Center.

Twilight Twirlers Summerfest is July 21, Big Enis & Little Enis, at St. Robert Community Center.

Fescue Festival is July 20, 7 p.m. at the American Legion Building in Cassville.

11th Annual Camper Weekend, July 13-15, with the Beaux & Belles of Macon and the Kirksville Kountry Kousins.

Recognition Of Hosts: Recognition of host club and members present from the Damsite Dancers.

Next State Board Meeting: August 19, 2001 St Louis District. Meeting adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim & Edythe Weber Secretaries

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